

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that claims 14-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (Office Action dated December 3, 2004, page 4, paragraph 7).

Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the telephone interview granted on March 1, 2005 wherein the addition of the term "a group capable of forming free radicals on exposure to light" as part of the Markush group for group X to the allowable claims was discussed. The added term is taken directly from the specification, page 4, lines 25-26.

Claims 14-15 and 17-19 are amended to be put in independent form, and to add the term "a group capable of forming free radicals on exposure to light" as supported in the specification, page 4, lines 25-26. Claim 16 is allowable without further amendment because it depends only on claim 15.

Claims 1-7, 9-13, 21, and 22 stand cancelled.

Claims 8 and 20 are amended to depend on allowable claim 14.

Claim 23 is amended to depend on allowable claim 15.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the application and raises no new issues.

Applicant's Arguments

Claims 14-19 contain allowable subject matter (Office Action dated December 3, 2004, page 4, paragraph 7) with the additional term "a group capable of forming free radicals on exposure to light" added to the Markush group for group X. As discussed in the teleconference with the Examiner on March 1, 2005, this language is taken directly from the specification (page 4, lines 25-26). Applicants do not believe that this addition to the Markush group affects the patentability of the claims. Thus, Applicants assert that Claims 14-19 are allowable for the reasons of record.

The remaining claims not cancelled, namely claims 8, 20, and 23, now depend only on the allowable claims. Therefore all of the remaining claims are allowable.


Conclusion

For the above reasons, claims 8, 14-20, and 23 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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